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NEW CITY COUNCIL MEETS

Reduced Pool Hall Licenses—Appoint Officers—Other Business

The first regular meeting of the council of the City Fathers was held Monday night with all present, including an audience which helped the council in setting affairs of difficulty.

The report of the treasurer showed on hands Monday night to the city's credit a balance \$900.45. Over \$200 had been collected since the last previous Wednesday.

One bill of \$9.00 was allowed A. M. Childs for printing. The collector then submitted his list of delinquent taxpayers, both on personal and real estate. There was delinquent in personal tax \$90.25 and in realty, \$210.30. When this is collected, the report will show that \$1201.25 was collected in city taxes during the past year.

E. B. Kellogg asked the council to remit the occupation tax of \$7.50 on each insurance company insuring risks here, stating that the companies had added 20 per cent. to premiums on business building risks on account of this tax. While at the outside the city would not get more than \$150 per year out of this tax the city paid at least \$1500 per year more for its insurance. He stated he believed this 20 per cent. addition would be deducted automatically from every risk as soon as this tax was removed but Alderman Moore and several others wanted to be sure of it and a committee consisting of Alderman Moore, Thrash and Hill were appointed to investigate and report at the next meeting. If the insurance companies promise a removal of this additional charge for insurance the tax probably will be removed.

The licenses of pool and billiard tables also was reduced to something like a reasonable figure at this meeting. It has been at the rate of \$20 for each table every six months, or \$40 per year. J. C. Evans of Benedict, Kansas applied for a license to operate three tables in the Moorman building and this brought up the discussion of rates. It was decided by comparison with rates in other cities that the rates here were too high so a new ordinance was drafted reducing the license to \$10 for each table every six months, or \$20 per year which corresponds more nearly with rates in other cities.

The appointment of appointive officers was taken up and M. W. Anderson was reappointed Treasurer and J. D. Taylor, city attorney. The other appointive officers were laid over to the next meeting.

The mayor has decided to have a report of the city finances read at every regular meeting of the council and have such monthly record so kept that the councilmen can have access to it for the purpose of ascertaining the city's financial condition from time to time.

The council adjourned to meet Wednesday night to pass on the revision of the pool and billiard table ordinance and to issue Mr. Evans' license.

J. J. Griffith of Livingston County, Mo. marketed Tuesday in Kansas City a carload of home grown heifers at a high price \$8.15. These heifers, which were fed on silage and cotton seed cake, with a little corn, made a good gain in weight, Mr. Griffith said.

Dr. Seiser has invented a simple appliance to prevent breathing thru the mouth.

Trials at Court

More new suits have been filed to the May term of the circuit court.

Archie Inman has sued Chauncey A. Sharp for breach of covenant. He recites that he contracted for the purchase of certain lands from Sharp for \$15,000 and that he did buy said land and, at the time of contracting for the land there was a windmill standing on it worth \$50. He states that between the time of the contract and the transfer of the land, Sharp removed the windmill and for this he is suing the defendant.

James S. Williams sues Joe W. Ingram to recover a promissory note for \$5000 and a deed of trust to secure the same. He says that Ingram agreed in February to secure him a loan of \$5000 and that he gave Ingram the note for the money together with a deed of trust on certain lands for security. He also paid Ingram \$100 for securing the loan. Now, he says, Ingram has failed to negotiate the loan and holds the note and deed of trust refusing to return it until plaintiff signs an agreement to not demand the return of the \$100 commission. Therefore plaintiff asks that defendant be enjoined from negotiating the note and deed of trust and that he be compelled to return the same and make all proper restitution in the matter.

A. S. Wilks as administrator of the estate of Cunningham & Wilks, has entered suit for damages against the Wabash railway.

David McAdams has entered suit against Ida McAdams, for divorce. The parties are from Salisbury.

Telephone Improvements

Superintendent Fidler of the local telephone company is preparing for a Spring campaign of improvement. He has on hands a carload of poles to be used here and at Salisbury for line improvement and one thing that is to be done is to place in a cable, the wires from the local office to the Hill residence, a distance of more than four blocks. Later, but not this year, the lines north will be cabled. The office is now equipped as well as city offices, is clean and neat and presents a mighty good looking view to the visitor.

Grand Opera to K. C.

The Chicago Grand Opera Co. will be in Kansas City next week and will produce, "Thais" with Mary Garden in the leading role; "Lucia di Lamermoor" with the incomparable Tetrazzini in the leading part and Wolf-Ferri's, "Jewels of the Madonna." Of these, only one is of the melodious Italian school, that of Lucia, by Donizetti, which will probably provide as much pleasure, with the brilliant coloratura voice of Tetrazzini, as any opera of the repertoire, especially to one who has not seen opera heretofore.

\$100 Each For Feeders

W. T. Ridgway of Brookfield, Mo. bought this week two carloads of extra good steers which he will feed out for the early summer market. There were 48 head of steers in the string, and Mr. Ridgway paid \$4,800 for them, which made them about the most expensive feeders he ever handled. But Mr. Ridgway sees nothing in the near future to hurt the fat cattle market, so he considers the deal a safe one.

Miss Anna Parks Rucker went to Brunswick Friday evening to attend a dance, returning to this city Saturday.

LOEB WILL IS PROBATED

Bequests Made Other Orders Entered by Probate Court

The will of the late Leon Loeb of Salisbury was probated in the probate court, the widow, Pauline Loeb, appointed executrix without bond and Ben Hayes jr. and W. E. Sutter appointed witnesses to the appraisal of the estate.

The will was made in March 1910 and witnessed by Hayes and Sutter. It provides for payment of debts and then \$1000 is bequeathed to each of his two sons, Ben and Sidney S. and the remainder of the estate left, without qualification, to the widow who was appointed executrix without bond. The will apparently was written by Mr. Loeb himself as it was brief and simply but accurately worded.

Lou S. Plunkett and Lloyd Herring, guardians in the estate of James Plunkett, have filed bond in the sum of \$1200 with William Knight and Wm. Magruder, as securities, conditioned for the proper sale of real estate.

Mrs. R. W. Cooper Died

Nettie Brewer, eldest child of B. F. Brewer sr. and wife, was born on the old home farm about ten miles south of this city Oct. 9, 1870 and died at her home 3 miles east of Glasgow, Mo. Monday April 7, 1913, after an illness of more than two months. Surviving her are her husband, 3 daughters and 3 sons, mother, father, four brothers and two sisters. She was married to R. W. Cooper of Howard county July 13, 1896 and a few years since went to Texas in the hope of benefiting her health, but that climate proving unsatisfactory with her husband and family she returned to their home near Glasgow where she has been in a state of poor health to the time of her death.

Mrs. Cooper united with the Methodist church in 1891, after impressive services by her pastor she was interred in the Glasgow cemetery Wednesday. In addition to her parents, her brothers Ben, Delbert, Ledru and Rex and sisters, Mrs. John Renahan and Mrs. Clem Jeter and a large number of relatives and friends paid the last tribute of love and friendship for the patient, christian and loving woman who has preceded them into the illimitable future.

About Street Lamps

The city council is still talking street lights. It was stated unofficially by one of the aldermen that Mr. Taylor who has the light plant had obtained three automatic lighting types of street lamp and that he was to install these on posts near his home to see how they operated. If they were successful, they might be placed on all lamp posts in case the lights were made use of by the city. Alderman Thrash also mentioned unofficially that he thought that he thought that the lights would be more valuable in winter than in summer. Just what will be done is not known yet but it is hoped that some sort of arrangements can be made for lighting the muddy crossings on dark nights.

The athletic meet which was planned for Moberly for April 18 has been called off and instead Moberly comes to this city on Saturday April 19 and holds a contest with Keytesville at the high school ground.

The county board of equalization was in session Monday of this week.

CYCLONE VICTIM BURIED

Mat McDonald, Killed at Omaha Brought Here for Burial

The destructive cyclone which struck Omaha 3 weeks ago claimed a victim from this county in the person of Mat McDonald, son of Oliver and Mrs. McDonald who formerly lived near Hamden in this county. Mat had been employed in Omaha for some time and made his headquarters at Ralston, a suburb where he roomed and boarded.

When the terrible wind struck the city no part of it suffered more than Ralston and the people were scattered like feathers with the wrecks of buildings. Mat was struck in the side by a flying piece of timber which practically went through his body. He was alive when found but died soon after, and practically all evidences of identity having been destroyed, he was buried with numbers of the dead. Members of his family tried every way to get information concerning his safety, but on the meager description furnished by the coroner alone did any of them suspect that he was dead.

Acting on this, Mrs. Jas. Cullen of New Cambria, a sister, went to Omaha Saturday, had the body exhumed and found it to be that of her brother. She brought her brother here Sunday night and Monday he was taken to the home of Jas. Clavin, his brother-in-law where his aged mother lives, and the next day the funeral procession wended its way over very bad roads to Immaculate Conception cemetery at Hamden where interment was made, a number of friends of the family being present in spite of most unfavorable weather and roads.

Mat McDonald was born Feb. 25, 1865 and was never married.

Coudry & Gardner Convicted

Harry Coudry, son of John Coudry formerly of Brunswick and Harry B. Gardner of St. Louis promoters of insurance companies were convicted by a jury in St. Louis Saturday on the charge of using the mails to defraud, and sentenced to four years in a federal prison and \$1500 fine each.

People all over the country were victims of these men the only one in this neighborhood coming to light being Chas. H. Jones, cashier of the Linn county bank at Brookfield.

Coudry is an ex-congressman and stood very high in St. Louis until he got mixed up with the twin insurance company hoax.

Boy Scouts Growing

Rev. Ransford is pleased at the condition of affairs in the ranks of the local company of Boy Scouts. Mr. Ransford, the Scout Master, has enrolled boys at every meeting since the original organization and now here are thirty members. Instruction is being given at each meeting in first aid to the injured and Dr. B. Hughes will lecture to the scouts and give a demonstration on first-aid, Friday at 7:30 p. m. the scouts will give a public meeting early in May when a large class will qualify as second-class scouts at which time they expect to have their uniform.

Neidholdt-Wallace

Carl Neidholdt and Miss Ilene Wallace both of Brunswick were married Sunday, April 6 at the residence of Harvey Swas, Rev. B. F. Sears officiating. They will live at Brunswick.

Dalton Histrions Here

A home talent theatrical troupe, a small one in number, accompanied by an orchestra of unusual proportions, considering the size of the show, was at the American theatre Thursday night. The troupe is straight from a long run at Dalton and showed the results of their training. There were two playlets, both of the negroid type of characters. One was, "Love and Lather" and the other, "Sports on a Lark." As this was the first appearance of the company on its tour to the provinces, the troupe was a little nervous at first but were soon down to their work in good shape. The affair was for the benefit of the Dalton orchestra which was with the troupe, furnishing the entr'acte music. The talented company was made up of five members and the orchestra, of seven members. The members of the troupe who expect to show in other towns later are: C. E. Broadhurst, D. L. Johnson, J. R. Endicott, Ed Meyer and Charles Coy. The orchestra was composed of W. A. Kraxenberger, Gladys and Budry Kraxenberger, E. L. Bitter, J. Endicott, C. E. Broadhurst, Lute Grotjan and E. P. Marion.

Keyser-Scotten

Charles A. Keyser, figuratively, has shaken Chariton county mud from his feet and has gone to inhabit old Howard county. He left Dalton Thursday, April 3 and came to this city to secure a marriage license. He then went to Fayette, where, according to a letter he wrote to a friend, he was to be married Saturday, April 5 to Mrs. Belle Scotten. Mr. Keyser expected to come back to Chariton county on business, but he moved his effects to Howard, intending to make that county his future home.

Virgil Raymond Powell

Little Virgil Raymond 17-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Powell died Thursday April 3 at 1 p. m. after an illness of only a few days. Virgil was bright little child with always a smile for every one. His death was due to pneumonia. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in Powell cemetery Friday afternoon. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their friends and neighbors.

Persian Lectures

A persian, Nweeja Badal, lectured at the Baptist church Sunday evening. He came in on short notice and considering the fact he did not arrive until 4 p. m. his visit unexpected, he was heard by a good sized audience. The speaker dressed in native costume as he delivered his talk on his people, their need for education, religion and other civilizing influences.

The Insurance Tax

At the city council meeting Monday the matter of income from the occupation tax of \$7.50 per annum levied on each insurance company doing business in this city was brought up. Someone mentioned that the income was \$150 per year but the collector stated that in reality it was only about \$50 which makes it apparent that only seven insurance companies are being handled in this city instead of the twenty or thirty many persons suspect.

Infirmary Contract Let

The county court Thursday let the contract for building the county infirmary to A. J. Hibbs of Kansas City for \$14,825.

ASSESSMENTS ARE RAISED

Board of Equalization finds That Much Property is Assessed too Low

The county court assisted by other members of the county board of equalization, finished its labors Wednesday evening after making a substantial increase in the assessed valuation of property over and above the returns of the assessors. They first raised the assessments on farm lands 25 per cent in Chariton and Missouri townships and in each other township, raised it 10 per cent.

They reduced the assessment in only one township, on one article of personal property, that being mules in Clark county. The assessment here was reduced 5 per cent.

Below is given the result of the boards session, assessments being raised the per cent. Following each article enumerated:

Bee Branch township: Asses and Jennets 50, mules 20, sheep 40, hogs 66 2-3, household goods 10.

Bowling Green township: Household goods 10.

Brunswick township: Asses and Jennets 10; mules 12 1-2 sheep 50 hogs 25.

Chariton township: mules 5; hogs 12 1-2; household goods 16 2-3.

Clark township: Asses and Jennets 50; mules decreased 5; household goods 66 2-3.

Cockrell township: Hogs 25; household goods 25.

Cunningham township: Asses and Jennets 50 mules 33 1-3; sheep 200; hogs 25.

Keytesville township: Asses and Jennets 250; mules 30.

Mendon township: Horses 16 2-3; asses and Jennets 50; mules 50; sheep 50, hogs 66 2-3; household goods 60; town lots 10.

Missouri township: Horses 50; mules 75; cattle 50; hogs 40.

Musselfork township: Horses 5; asses and Jennets 125; mules 16 2-3; sheep 20; hogs 25; household goods 40.

Salisbury township: Asses and Jennets 20; mules 10; sheep 50 hogs 25, household 33 1-3.

Salt Creek township: Horses 20; asses and Jennets 66 2-3, mules 50 hogs 25 household goods 16 2-3.

Triplett township: Mules 16 2-3 cattle 10, sheep 250, household goods 25, town lots 5.

Wayland township: Asses and Jennets 125, hogs 25, household goods 16 2-3.

Yellow Creek township: Horses 5, asses and Jennets 175, mules 80, cattle 33 1-3, sheep 50, hogs 100, household goods 25.

Reba is Fine, Thank You

Many inquiries have been coming to the papers concerning the condition of Little Reba Hains at the hospital at Kansas City. The nurses say that she is getting along finely and that the operations which have been performed have resulted just right. There remains one more operation to be performed and after that Reba will be just as fine a little girl as she was before she was so horribly burned. She will be in the hospital for about three months before she will be entirely well.

Marriage Licenses

Charles A. Keyser, Dalton, Mrs. Belle Scotten, Fayette.

Henry H. Hanke, Salisbury Miss Lena Hanke, Salisbury.

Tom Ewing, alias Tom Dick, colored, was arrested yesterday for bootlegging. Furnishing a bond for his appearance at circuit court, he is still at large.